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Report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its thirty-eighth session

Programme budget implications of resolution 38/10, adopted by the Commission at its thirty-eighth session

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 31 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council

1. At its thirty-eighth session, the Commission on the Status of Women adopted a draft resolution entitled "Preparations for the Fourth World Conference on Women: Action for Equality, Development and Peace". Under the terms of operative paragraph 17 of that resolution, the Commission decided to recommend to the Economic and Social Council that "the thirty-ninth session of the Commission be extended by one week and that provision should be made for a two-week meeting of a parallel working group. The dates for the thirty-ninth session of the Commission should be 15 March to 4 April 1995".

2. With regard to the extension of the session of the Commission by one week and to a two-week meeting of a parallel working group, additional requirements are estimated on a full-cost basis at $352,400. These requirements are based on the assumption that no part of the conference-servicing requirements would be met from within the permanent conference-servicing capacity of the programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995 and that additional resources would be required for temporary assistance for meetings. The extent to which the Organization's permanent capacity would need to be supplemented by temporary assistance resources can be determined only in the light of the calendar of conferences and meetings for 1994-1995. In accordance with established practice, provisions have been made in the programme budget for the biennium

1994-1995 not only for meetings already known at the time of the budget preparation, but also for meetings or extensions of such meetings that may be authorized subsequently, based on the pattern that has emerged over the previous five years. On that basis, it is estimated that no additional resources would be required under section 25 of the programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995 in order to accommodate the recommendation contained in paragraph 17 of the draft resolution.